

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of accessing content of a message, comprising:

defining a context object for inclusion in a message, the context object being an abstraction of content of the message, the context object stored defined in a repository;

assigning the context object to one or more interfaces through which the message is to be communicated; and

accessing, via the context object, the content of the message at one of the interfaces.

2. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of accessing content of a message, comprising:

defining a context object for inclusion in a message, the context object being an abstraction of content of the message, the context object, stored in a repository, including criteria to enable reuse across one or more interfaces, the context object providing the criteria for determining one or more send steps at one of the interfaces;

assigning, to the one or more interfaces through which the message is to be communicated, the context object describing the message; and

accessing, via the context object, the content of the message at one of the interfaces, wherein accessing the content includes accessing application data associated with the context object.

3. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the context object includes a name and a namespace, the context object used to select a send process for the message sent to at least one of assigned interfaces.

4. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising storing the context object in a repository accessible by a runtime engine to communicate with the one or more interfaces.

5. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 4, wherein storing the context object includes storing a name and a namespace associated with the context object.

6. (Currently Amended) A system for exchanging messages, comprising:

a computer; and

a memory including a computer program code configured to provide:

one or more message interfaces, through which messages are received from a sender or sent to one or more receivers; and

a repository storing a plurality of context objects for inclusion in a message, wherein each context object is an abstraction of content of [[a]] the message, and wherein each context object is assigned to at least one of the one or more interfaces to

facilitate access to content of the messages communicated through the message interfaces.

7. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 6, wherein each context object in the integration repository includes a name and a namespace.

8. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 6, further comprising a directory that stores a plurality of routing rules for routing messages between a sender and one or more receivers through one or more message interfaces.

9. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the context objects are assigned to the one or more interfaces according to one or more business processes stored in the directory.

10. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 9, further comprising an integration server for executing the one or more business processes.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product containing instructions to configure a computer to perform a method, the method comprising:

defining a context object for inclusion in a message, the context object being an abstraction of content of the message, the context object stored in a repository;

assigning the context object to one or more interfaces through which the message is to be communicated; and

accessing, via the context object, the content of the message at one of the interfaces.

12. (Previously Presented) A computer program product in accordance with claim 11, wherein accessing the content includes accessing application data associated with the context object.

13. (Original) A computer program product in accordance with claim 11, wherein the context object includes a name and a namespace.

14. (Original) A computer program product in accordance with claim 11, further comprising storing the context object in a repository accessible by a runtime engine to communicate with the one or more interfaces.

15. (Original) A computer program product in accordance with claim 14, wherein storing the context object includes storing a name and a namespace associated with the context object.